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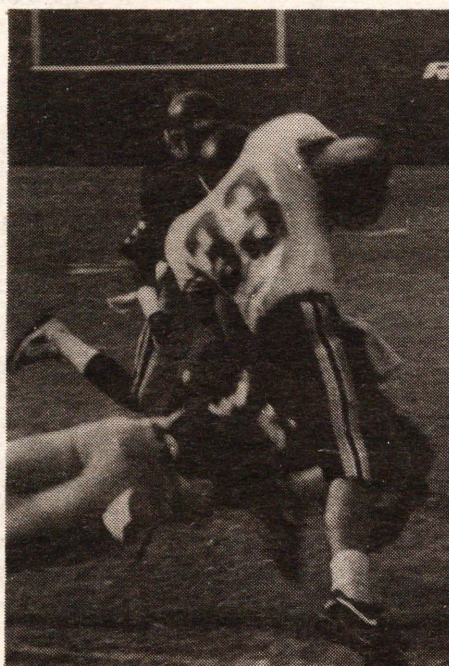
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HANGIN' TOUGH. Juniors David Bell and Steven Yates hang "Tornadoes Crimson," an oil-on-cardboard abstract by Garry Vollmering, in the Wing of Love Art Gallery in Keller Dorm. Harding men eagerly prepared their rooms for Open House on Thursday. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

THE RIGHT STUFF. Bison Eric Cook carries the ball for a gain against Henderson State last weekend. The Bisons lost the game by a score of 13-3.

(photo by PR Office)



Men's open house shows how 'real men' really live and behave in dorms

by Greg Harrington
Bison staff writer

With open house upon them Thursday night, the men in the dorms took on a semester's worth of cleaning.

Scraping pizza off their floors and washing their sheets in their sinks were just a few of the activities you could witness in various men's rooms this past week.

This year we had about a 90 percent participation rate for men's open house. The general consensus was that open house is a good and fun thing.

One exception was Lynn Kernodle, an R.A. in Armstrong dorm, who said, "If I wasn't required to be here (as an R.A.), there's not a chance in a fat pig's skin that I would take part in this." Kyle Citty and Brooks Harrell said they love open house. "It's a great opportunity to make new friends," said Citty. Harrell added, "You really get to meet a lot of new people!" Will Glade, who lives in Keller Dorm, said, "I think it's fun and a good time to have girls see your room."

Many of the men went to special lengths

to trick the girls into visiting their room. George Pitcher and Glen Knight cleaned their sink out. Glade had snacks laid out for the girls. Allen Busby and Matthew Day had music and atmosphere ready for the disco fan.

The "Wing Of Love" kept their tradition of going the extra mile, following up last year's art gallery with music videos and hanging ferns. David Bell, a resident of the wing, said he wasn't concerned with his room as much as he was the "Wing Of Love." Bell said, "We're not only trying to keep the tradition alive up here, but are also added to it."

Paula Peebles, a sophomore who definitely planned on visiting the guys' dorms, said, "I'm really anxious to see what the 'Wing Of Love' has in store this year." Shelley Brazell, also a sophomore, added, "It doesn't matter if they offer us snacks or anything special, I just like to see how they really live, sort of behind the scenes."

Happenings



GO BISONS. The Bisons will be playing Southern Arkansas here Saturday at 2:00.



CLASSIC FLICK. The showing of the movie, "The Ten Commandments," will be Sunday at 7:10.



FINE ARTS SHOW. The Fine Arts Lyceum will be presenting Maynard Ferguson in the Benson Auditorium Tuesday.



RUN LIKE THE WIND. The Harding women's cross country team placed first and the men placed third in the AIC/NAIA District 17 championship meet at Monticello.



ACE IN THE HOLE. The Harding golf team won their final fall match at Arkansas College. Mark Burt of North Little Rock was the medalist.



MARSHA OSBORNE, a junior vocational home economics major from Ash Flat, Ark., has been awarded a \$1,200 scholarship by the Arkansas Extension Homemakers Council.

Election Results

SEARCY

Mayor

Glen Pledger (R) 1,871
David Evans (D) 3,194

City Council, Ward 1, Position 1

Carl Nutter (R) 763
John A. "Tony" Mtejko (D) 394

Ward 1, Position 2

Calvin Mitchell (R) 751
Steven E. Miller (I) 386

Ward 2, Position 1

A.D. Dale (R) 666
Dale Forrest (D) 1,180

Ward 2, Position 2

Jack Wiseman (D) 911
Durward McGaha (R) 978

Ward 3, Position 2

Dan Hodges (R) 534
Eddie Hardin (D) 477

Ward 4, Position 2

Leland S. Hyde (R) 412
Dana David Deree (I) 323

White County Judge

Gerald Parish (R) 9,324
Waylon Heathscott (D) 7,769

Sheriff

Jess Odom (D) 12,733
Gary Mahan (R) 4,356

STATE

Governor

Bill Clinton (D) 397,007
Nelson (R) 291,426

Second Congressional District

Ray Thornton (D) 102,790
Jim Keet (R) 68,550

OPINION

Homeless live in shadow of monumental grandeur

Going nowhere and nowhere fast./We shame ourselves to watch people like this live./Who gives a care about Jackie Brown? Just another lazy man who couldn't keep what was his.

Jackie Brown

John Cougar Mellencamp

I stepped off the plane in National Airport and into what seemed to me a completely different world. I was in Washington, D.C., a fairy tale town blending modern flair and historical significance. Nearly everything about it seemed magical and enchanting.

Huge columns loomed above us and supported a monolithic building. The Lincoln Memorial was a somber yet beautiful testimony to the unity of the states. The Jefferson was a poetic tribute to the greatest writer and idealist of the Revolution. The Vietnam Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery served as painful and poignant reminders of the sacrifices men and women have made for this country. The Washington Monument was beautiful, the National Cathedral breathtaking. The entire city whispered its historical heritage.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Ray Thornton's decisive victory in the Second Congressional race is a victory also for the positive campaign that Ray ran for 13 months.

We want to thank our friends who volunteered hundreds of hours of hard work to help get the message out. Of course, we want to thank our Heavenly Father who gave us strength and guidance in our striving to improve our country through effective government.

Ray Thornton will be a conscientious U.S. Representative, keeping in touch with the people of Harding and the entire district. He deeply appreciates the trust placed in him by this election.

Betty Thornton Ulrey, Chair
White County Campaign
for Ray Thornton

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But just as plentiful as the monuments were the homeless — sights not described in any tour booklet. They were all the same; nameless, empty faces on the street who rolled their lives into knapsacks. Many of them were able to face life only through the haze of the alcohol they waited desperately to buy each morning.

They were everywhere: in the grand hall of Union Station, on the steps of the Capitol and on the street corner of the Hyatt Regency. They were even across from the White House, waiting to sleep on the warmth of the grates. It was a perfect, pitiful foil for the opulence of the White House.

It seemed so sad that these people were living in the nation's capitol, the nerve center of our nation, yet they had no voice. They were living statistics, witnesses of the unfilled American Dream.

The eighties were a decade of unrepentant, unforgivable avarice. We made and spent all the money we possibly could, at the expense of those who had no money.

The poor and the homeless could be easily forgotten because the economy was good. Who can argue with prosperity?

The problem came when the prosperity didn't trickle down to the little people. They were slowly strangled by an economic policy that never produced the promised benefits for all people.

Even everyday activities part of God's work

Four strenuous days of sightseeing in Washington, D.C., had left us with aching feet and shutter finger, a common malady associated with shooting four rolls of film in rapid succession.

At first it was exciting to visit all the monuments we'd previously seen only on postcards and in picture books. But after circling Historical Site -473, all the statues and towers and memorials began to meld into a single blur of white marble.

On our last day in the nation's capital, we decided to ride the Metro into Virginia to visit Arlington National Cemetery. The changing autumn leaves were beautiful, and the miles of gravestones sobering, but once again, I soon grew tired of trudging the paths and taking photographs.

Near the long-awaited exit, we stopped at the grave of John F. Kennedy. Here stood an impressive monument to our former president, guarded by a single flame that has burned for more than 20 years.

But more impressive to me than the statues and monuments were the words of Kennedy's inaugural address, etched in marble on a low wall circling the gravesite. I scanned them, wading through the rhetoric common to most presidential speeches, until a phrase on the last panel caught my attention:

Ronald Reagan's daughter, Patti Davis, said in *Newsweek* that her father's budget cutting policies created larger numbers of homeless people. She summed up this idea by saying, "How do you argue with someone who states that the people who are sleeping on the grates of the streets of America are 'homeless by choice'?"

Reagan's attitude is indicative of other fallacies concerning the homeless; They are all lazy bums; the welfare mothers have children to keep their money; the poor drink away their money. Such generalities do apply to some people, but like other broad statements, cannot be applied universally to all homeless.

I learned more in four short days in Washington, D.C. than in any class I have ever taken. I gained a new respect for the magnitude of our government and its ability to function. I developed a deeper love for America and pride in my citizenship. And I realized, even more than before, there is no other country in which I would rather live.

But the problem of our homeless can no longer be ignored. We cannot, in any of our cities, continue to sweep the rights of the homeless under our feet, particularly when we must step over these people on our way home, or to work, or to visit the Lincoln Memorial.

— KE

"God's work is ours to do while here on earth."

I suddenly stood still, forgetting my aching feet and impatience to leave. I read the words again: "God's work is ours to do while here on earth."

I guess I had always considered the "work of God" to be an entity to itself, more powerful and complex than any human undertaking. It was rightfully separate and beyond our comprehension. He had His own purposes and design for life, and we were pawns in His game of chess with the universe.

But God's work is our work, and our work is His. Because we are Christians, our every action is either a service or disservice to Christ. There is no middle ground, just as an influence by definition can never be neutral — it is either positive or negative.

Too often we become so engrossed in the petty details of daily living that we forget the larger purpose of our lives. But even those seemingly inane tasks can be used to further His kingdom, as Paul wrote in Colossians 3:23-24:

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

God's work is ours to do while here on earth.

— CP

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'I'm sorry' always said, not always meant

by Craig V. Carrington
Bison staff writer

Some things this world needs are a few more good-natured rib-ticklers — or "sure-fire laugh-chuckles," as Matt Groening (creator of "The Simpsons") calls them — and a few less cruel condemnations.

The world also could use a more appropriate phrase for consoling friends than "I'm sorry."

The phrase does have its place in the English language. For example, if you are walking across campus with your head twisted 180 degrees around in order to say hello to a friend who's one hundred yards away (you know who you are), and you inadvertently step on the toes of a football player, the obvious response is to say "I'm sorry" and then run toward Idaho.

Or if, at 2:00 a.m., you dial the wrong number on campus and a person with obviously slurred speech and incoherent sentence structure answers ("Uuuuhhhh... he — hello? ... two in the morning ... TWO! ... may I call who's asking?") then the appropriate response is not "Can you walk a straight line?" or "So, would you like to go out?" Instead, you should politely say "I'm sorry," mention that you have run halfway to Idaho, then hang up.

But how about when a friend has recently experienced a tragic loss? After the friend has confided in you, is there no better phrase with which to sympathize than "I'm sorry"? The phrase makes it sound like someone is apologizing, even though the loss is usually not the fault of either the consoler or the one being consoled. It's really just an automatic response programmed into us by trite television and movie dialogues, not a heartfelt expression of compassion, no matter how sincere the person is.

As much as I would like to type out a new magic phrase that more accurately expresses a person's feelings of consolation, I must admit that I don't have a good answer for this difficulty. I confess that my tendency in such situations is either dumb, awkward silence or a frustrating quoting of "I'm sorry," despite my abhorrence of it. At the risk of imitating Dear Abby and Ann Landers, I must ask: Any suggestions, readers?

METAPHYSICAL MUMBO-JUMBO: If you insist on treating the earth like a disposable diaper, please realize that even a giant-size Pampers can hold just so much. Beyond a certain point, God may have no choice but hold His nose and dispose of the dirty diaper that was once the earth. Im-

agine what a sad, stinky day that will be . . .

A thought: Would it be (Is it ever) appropriate to offer a passive, lackadaisical "I'm sorry" to God as He views the spent planet?

A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to the "cast and crew" (hackneyed phrases are sickeningly sweet, like a cup of sugar poured over a bowl of Frosted Flakes) of "My Fair Lady." I'm just an ignorant man who believes his brain fluids are composed of various tree saps, but I was impressed and moved by the professional performances.

KUDOS FOR THE COOL: What is the driving force that causes a man to steal street signs and highway markers? What is the mind of the man that takes government property and proudly displays that property in dorm room windows? Why don't I have that undeniable desire? Does it make me less of a man?

"I feel incomplete without 'West 54th Street' taped to my window . . . Hmmm. I wonder if 'West 53rd Street' has been stolen yet? I still may have a chance to be cool, win friends and influence people!!!"

These "deviants-in-residence" are onto something: they realize that they only have

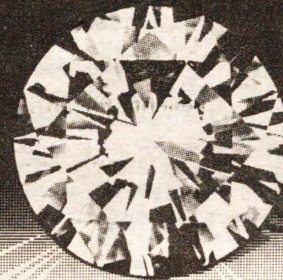
to say "I'm sorry" if they get caught.

ON A RELATED TOPIC: I've noticed an increasing amount of graffiti on the walls of the men's restrooms. I tried to see if there is a similar occurrence in the ladies' restrooms, but I was severely thrashed by a large number of females when I attempted to investigate.

Anyway — guys, I know writing on walls is supercool and everything, but allow me to offer two words of advice: PAPER PRODUCTS.

Thank you, and — merely to continue the motif — "I'm sorry!"

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Women's open house used to show off room and meet new people

by Julie C. Carey
Bison staff writer

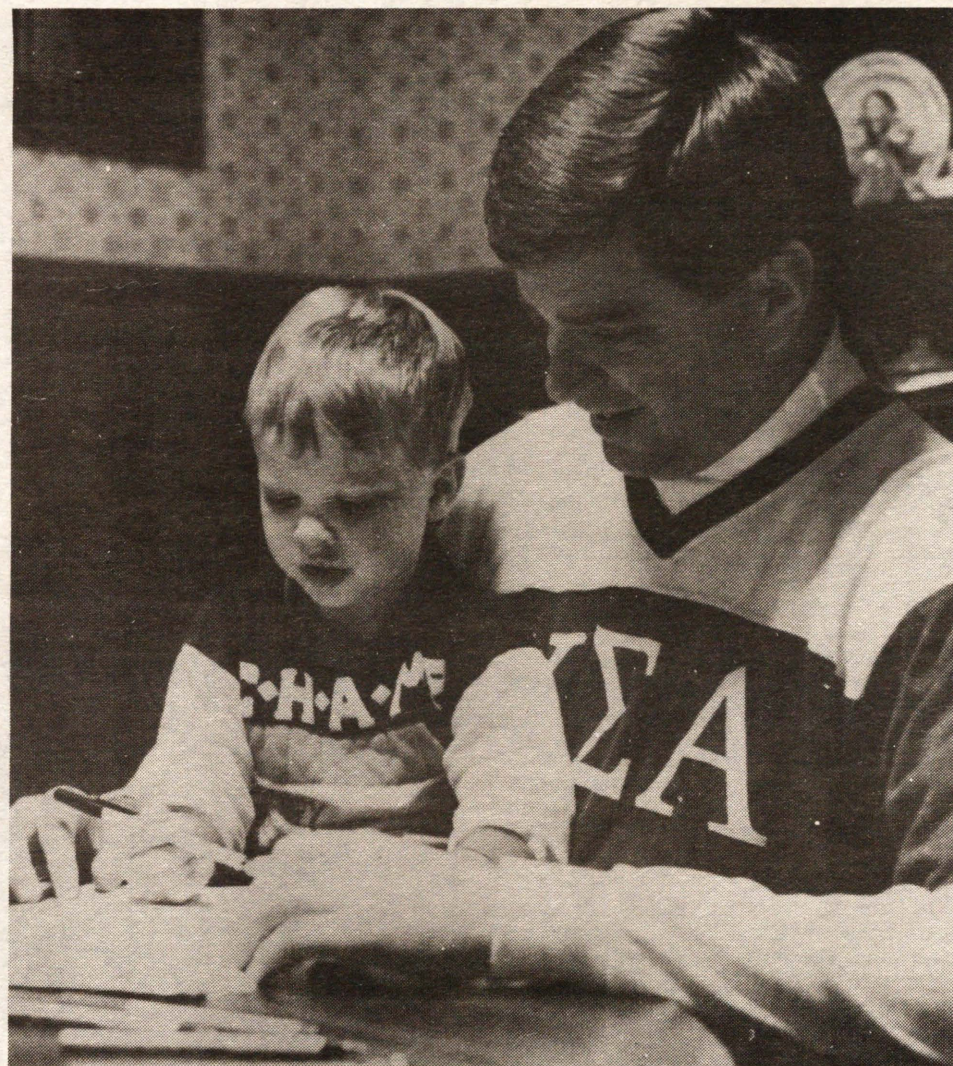
Women's Open House was Tuesday, Nov. 6. Tanya Tennyson, a sophomore from Harrison, Ark., said, "It gives the men a chance to see how the women live." Many girls agreed that they liked having visitors during open house night, and the men agreed that they enjoyed going to see their friends.

Most women cleaned their rooms for open house. Then others added that extra step. Laura York, a sophomore from St. Louis, Mo., put out things of sentimental value to her such as pictures, special gifts, and scriptures which are important to her and are always on her wall. This helped her friends to find out more of who she is.

When asked about the time, everyone had an answer. Mandy Rowe, a sophomore from Mountain Home, Ark., wished she had more time for open house, or had it more often.

Many feel the time should be extended to give one more time to go see all of his friends. Others feel that the time is adequate to get around to see everyone. Most feel that if open house were at least twice a semester, then it would give those who were busy one night an opportunity to go another time.

Some of the girls would also like open house to be around a holiday time so they can share their decorated rooms with others.



ADVICE FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART. Nathan Jorgenson, a Harding student, studies a Greek lesson with his three-year-old son Kyle. Jorgenson, a "seasoned" senior, pledged Chi Sigma Alpha social club this fall. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

Student finds club involvement positive

by Angie Treat
Bison staff writer

Running into the huddle during his club football game, he hears a tiny, but familiar, voice scream, "Hi, Dad!" Looking to the sidelines, he smiles as his three kids holler and wave.

Nathan Jorgenson, a 35-year-old senior, is a man who hasn't given up on his dream. After five years of youth ministry work in Orlando, Fla., Jorgenson knows where he's needed.

"After I graduated from high school, I went to Florida State intent on majoring in music," Jorgenson said. "When I worked with the youth in Orlando, I started bringing them to Harding for tours. Jim Carr kept pestering me and eventually convinced me to come to school here."

Jorgenson has definitely found his niche at Harding; however, he does confess that classes are not his only reasons for attending.

"There is more to do in college than just classes. There's much more to college than that," Jorgenson said. "What this school offers is activities, involvement and friendships."

Taking advantage of Harding's many activities, Jorgenson plunged into the chaos of club pledging.

"I figured that since I was going to be here for two years — maybe more — I'd get as involved as I could," Jorgenson said. "In school last semester, I knew the people who sat next to me in class and in chapel — no one else. I was a stranger around campus."

After jumping from mixer to mixer, Jorgenson decided to pledge Chi Sigma Alpha.

"I questioned whether I would make the guys feel awkward, but I was pleasantly surprised at how I was treated. They really made me feel comfortable," he said. "They

also showed a great deal of brotherhood and fellowship. It was a feeling that went beyond the jerseys on their backs."

Once accepted into Chi Sigs, Jorgenson confirms that he received no special treatment during Pledge Week and was dealt with just as all the other pledges were.

"I got a share of the harassing. Tuesday morning they came right after me with the cotton test to see if I had shaved. I had strings of it all over my face," Jorgenson said. "They definitely knew how to harass and how to scare us, but that made us pledges hang together, and that's the whole purpose of Pledge Week."

Jorgenson didn't hesitate to participate in Pledge Week activities, including Silly Day and Rough Night.

"I was a baby on Silly Day, but I wasn't able to be in the Student Center for awhile because of 'parent stuff,'" he said. "I was present all night on Rough Night, though. That was an experience. We pledges spent a whole lot of time by ourselves. We sang a lot and prayed a lot and talked a lot. It helped us grow together."

Being involved in Chi Sigs has created a rather strange schedule at the Jorgenson home, but the family seems to enjoy the uniqueness.

"My wife, Lynne, found it amusing that I'd decided to pledge a club, but she was extremely supportive," Jorgenson said. "The kids love to come to my games — although they usually don't have any choice!"

Jorgenson's choice to become involved in a social club is one decision that he and his club brothers and sisters will never regret — or forget.

"This feeling is exactly what I had hoped for," Jorgenson said. "The biggest part of college is friendships. What you'll carry away from college is not classes but relationships."

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Learning assistance center offering free help in improving learning skills

by Stacy Scott
Bison staff writer

Many students can relate to struggling with keeping their grades up in college, but few have the opportunities for help that are offered through Harding's Learning Assistance Center.

The LAC is a service offered free of charge to students attending Harding in order to help them improve their learning skills. Many on the staff are students, headed by Sandra Boaz. Together they offer a wide variety of ways to help students better themselves.

The LAC offers tutoring in any subject not already covered in other labs on campus. If a tutor is not available in the subject requested, the LAC will do everything they can to locate a tutor as promptly as possible.

At times throughout the semester, various workshops are offered to aid in improving study skills. The workshops include topics such as: Test Taking Skills, Study-Reading Techniques, Test Anxiety, Time Management and Note-Taking Skills.

If a student is interested in finding out his strengths and weaknesses in study skills or what kind of career might best suit him when he leaves college, he can go in and take advantage of skills assessment, individual

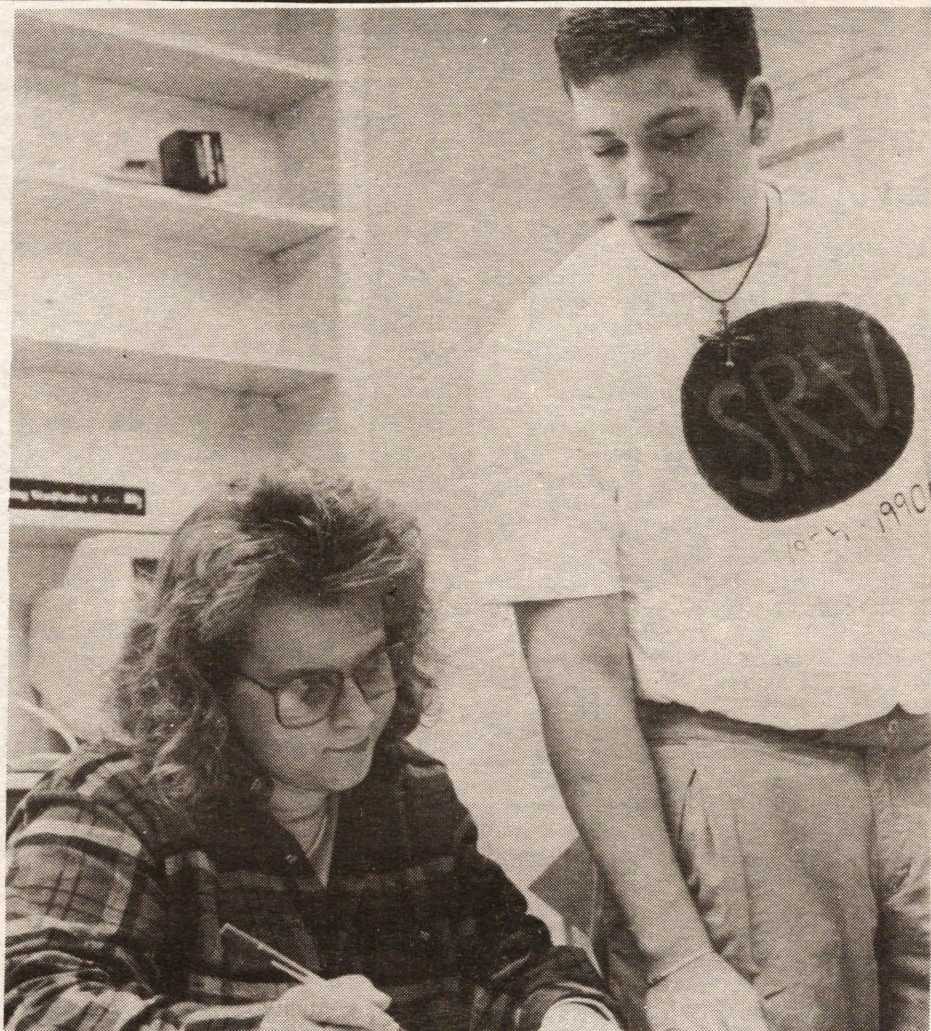
counseling and Sigi Plus. Sigi Plus is a computerized program designed to show a student what line of work would be best for him based on his interests, skills and education, as well as other factors.

Aside from Sigi Plus, the Learning Assistance Center is equipped with Apple II GS and IBM-compatible personal computers and audio and videotape programs.

Students with learning or physical disabilities are offered a wide array of support services. Staff members will aid the student by contacting and keeping in touch with teachers and schedule special tests, get help with lectures by providing self-copying paper for note taking, or a hand held tape recorder to record notes. If other accommodations are necessary, the LAC will work to provide whatever they can.

All students who take advantage of the opportunities at the LAC come out ahead in some way. For many, the LAC Means the difference between a passing or failing grade. But students who come for help aren't the only ones who benefit. Debbie Lightfoot, a staff member at LAC, says that she has loved getting to know so many of her fellow students through labs and workshops and that the staff is always fun to be with.

To the student, LAC offers help that he might otherwise not be able to afford.



HELP. Spencer Ervin comes to the aid of a student in the Learning Assistance Center. Students went to the center for tutoring services and workshops on improving study skills. (photo by Kevin Kerby)

Band brings New Age to Benson

by Mary McWilliams
Bison staff writer

Harding University was introduced to a different type of music Friday night, Nov. 2, as the group Crystal Wind performed in Benson Auditorium.

Although Crystal Wind is classified as a contemporary jazz group, its tendencies lean toward New Age music.

The band consisted of five men playing a variety of instruments, including a tambourine, a rattle and a flute. Lighting, provided by Harding University's Media Center, followed the tone of the concert as moods changed throughout the evening.

Crystal Wind's theme for this season's tour is Healing the Earth through Environment Awareness. Their tours are usually six

weeks in length. They perform at various colleges and universities from California to Rhode Island.

Crystal Wind was brought to Harding by Steve Beliech, Director of Campus Activities. He discovered them while attending a Campus Activities Show last February. Although only a few students attended Friday's concert, Beliech attributed it to the fact that hayrides and volleyball games had called students elsewhere.

Crystal Wind formed two years ago and have since produced their first album, *Inner Traveller*. Their second album is due to be out this spring.

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Yodeling, reading, lip syncing, singing featured in talent show

by Leann Morrow
Bison staff writer

The talent at Harding was brought out in full force during the All-School Talent Show held Sunday night at 8:00 in Benson Auditorium.

The show got off to a rainy start, but the talent displayed varied anywhere from singing to a dramatic reading to yodeling. The talent show exhibited the special abilities of various classifications of students.

Chuck Baril made a special appearance and sang his new release, "Air Time," which is a song about Michael Jordan, the basketball star. Baril is a 1988 Harding graduate.

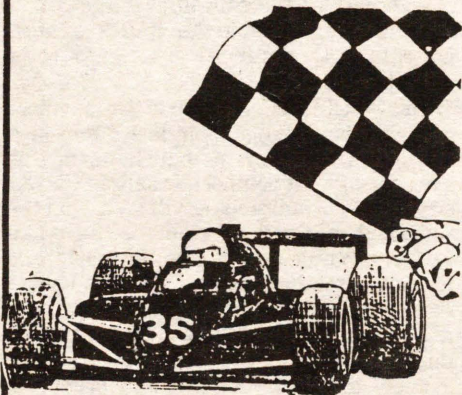
Some of the highlights of the show were the lip sync of the song "Leader of the Pack," the encore yodeling performance by Shawn Miller and an original composition sung by the writers, Jason Jordan and Christy Dawdy.

"It is fun. I'm glad they have things like this to let you blow off steam. It is great that we have so much talent here at Harding," said Elaina Shearer, a sophomore from Huntsville, Ala.

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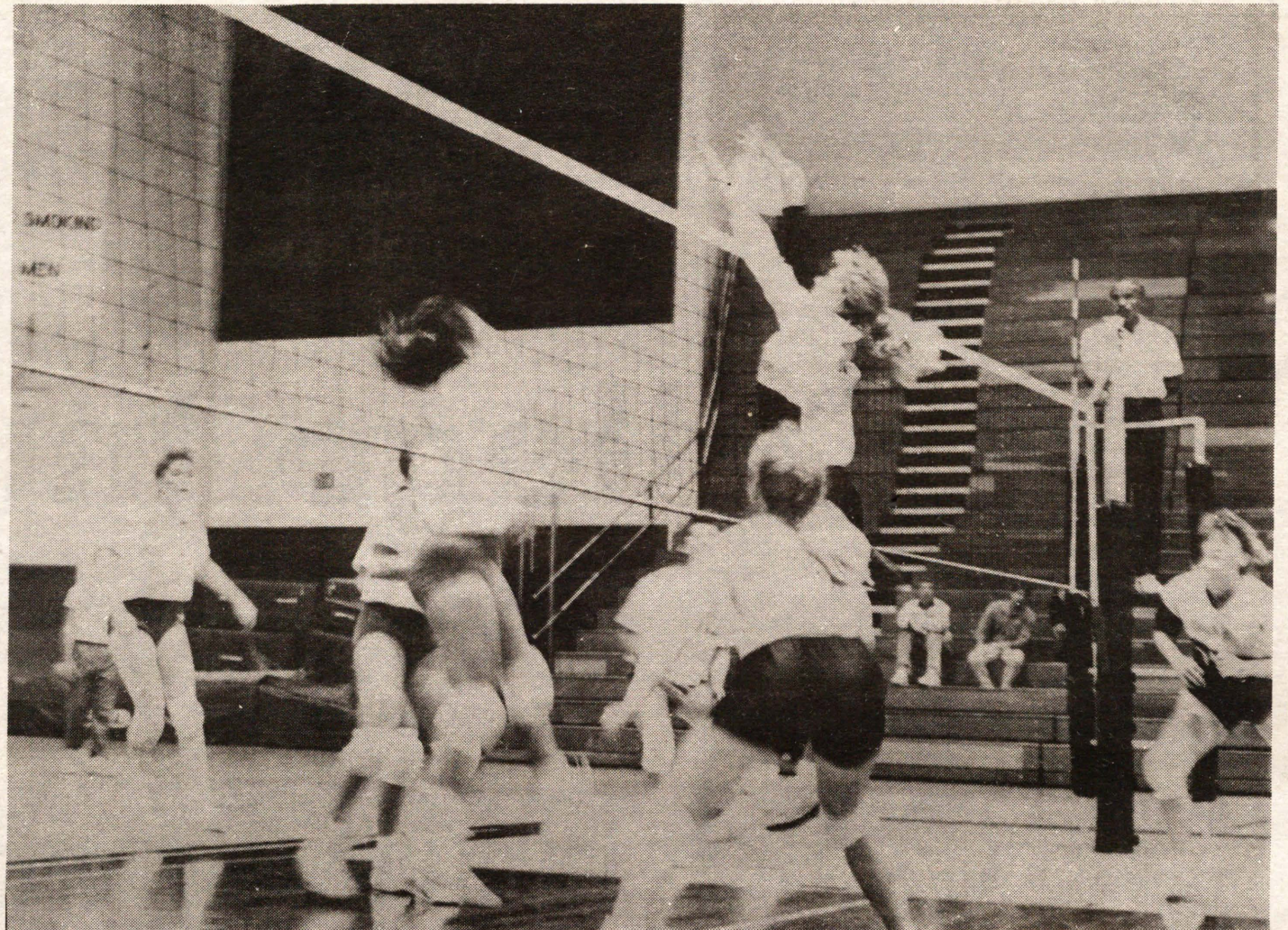
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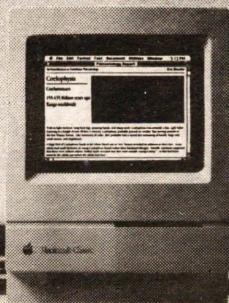
Results of the men's basketball coaches preseason poll in the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference, with first place votes (in parentheses) and total votes:

1. Central Arkansas (9) 81
2. Arkansas Tech (1) 69
3. Arkansas-Monticello 66
4. Hendrix 55
5. Southern Arkansas 39
6. Henderson State 34
7. Ozarks 30
8. Ouachita Baptist 29
9. Arkansas College 27
10. Harding 21

JUMP. Kelly Willingham, a senior from Hurst, Texas, blocks a spike made by an Arkansas Tech player. The Lady Bisons were defeated at home in the final round of the NAIA District 17 playoffs.



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